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June 2, 2003

Mary B. Kennedy
Medicaid Director
Division of Health Care
Minnesota Department of Human Services
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St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

This is in response to your letter of May 23, 2003 requesting a temporary extension of Minnesota's elderly home and community-based services waiver (CMS control number 0025.91.R3). The waiver expires on June 30, 2003.

As you have indicated in your letter, this extension is being requested to allow time to make corrections to the waiver renewal submission and to revise the service description, provider standards, and cost projections for consumer-directed services.

Therefore, I am granting the State of Minnesota a 90-day extension of its current HCBS waiver, under the authority of §1915(c) of the Social Security Act. This extension allows continued services under the approved waiver, with Federal Financial Participation at the level approved for the last year of the waiver, until September 28, 2003.

If you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact Dell-Latanya Gist at (312) 353-1117.

Sincerely,

/s/

David DuPre
Deputy Regional Administrator

cc: Mary Jean Duckett, HCFA Central Office